

October 2021 TPNA Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 pm
(zoom meeting)

Attendees: Waugh Wright, James Dobbin, Missy Crawford-Smith, Diane Amato, Karalyn Colopy, Adam McClellan, Scott Doron, Kevin Kearns, Mimi Kessler, Beth Shepherd, William, Beth Emerson, Gabriele We

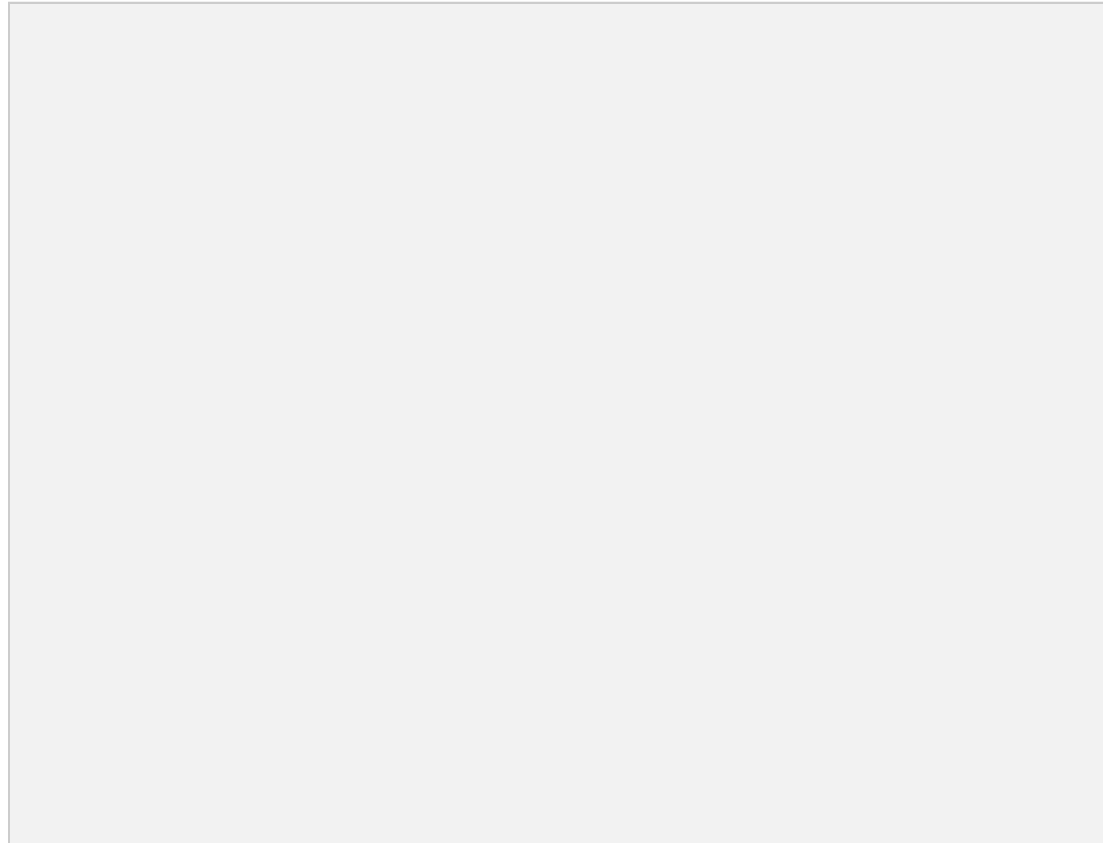
Absent: Molly Flowe, Laurie Williamson, Caroline Black

Review of September and July Meeting Minutes

- July and September minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- \$350 in membership dues
- Paid some PayPal fees
- Still waiting on newsletter ad payments
 - Kevin hand delivered the latest invoice to Domino's. Also waiting on Marie Austin (\$1,000), Duke School (\$1,000), and a music teacher (Russel Lacey).
- The \$6,000 account seems to be from an older account, but still ours (set up by Jody White and Jermaine)
- The Trinity Park Board Association approved a resolution to allow Adam McCellan and other officers signature authority on this Self Help account to access the funds in TPNA's name.
 - The motion was seconded and voted upon with all eyes.



Communications ~ Kevin Kearns

- Newsletter update
 - There will be a newsletter in November, before Thanksgiving.
 - We will go for a full length one this time
 - It was proposed to put up articles on the website and share on social media, before putting them into the print newsletter.
 - Could we print a smaller newsletter that has intros to full articles and QR codes that lets readers see the full article.
- Advertisers
 - See above
 - If we cannot get the advertisers to pay, do we continue with the newsletter?
 - We may just need to pound the streets a bit more to get our payments.

Community Building ~ Waugh Wright

- Halloween plans for this year
 - We have \$400 budgeted for it.
 - Karalyn has a contact (i.e., her daughter) who can make a Photo Op sign.
- Durham Symphony concert in the park in Spring '22?
 - Symphony contact: Mary Ann Ward
 - The Symphony is excited to play

- We've paid \$1500 in the past and rented chairs (~\$500). Maybe we could have people bring their own chairs, EXCEPT the chairs are for the orchestra.
 - Steve can contact the previous donors.
- Creek / neighborhood Clean up - Julia Borbely-Brown
 - Request for \$ for t-shirts for volunteers who do a significant (say 4 months) commitment to neighborhood trash pick up (e.g., assigned to certain areas).
 - There is \$100 in the budget for "volunteer recognition"
 - Has been getting volunteers interested in doing a neighborhood effort to clean up along Ellerbe Creek. Offer to recruit volunteers, including Duke students, for a one-day creek clean up in early November.
 - The board supports it.

Traffic ~

- There was a question on the Smart Sheets signs on Watts Street.

INC ~

- N/A
- Looking for a new representative - Mimi volunteered.

TP Foundation ~

- The Foundation is working on a fundraising campaign and website

Membership ~ Beth Sheppard

- Moving right along, with new houses and new people

Safety ~ Ron Gallagher

- N/A

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands ~ Mollie / Scott

- Checked in with Megan Walsh at the Public Works Department. The construction bid for soil removal is being put out this week and chosen by end of the year. Some of the soil will be reused at other city locations.
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Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership ~ Karalyn

- We gave our report to Duke for grants received.
- Other grants went to Ellerbee Creek community outreach, as well as gathering information about African-American historic contributions within the creek area. We have gotten an extension to the end of October and various students are helping us. The money has gone through ECWA.
- James will go to the October meeting.

Old Business ~

- Modifications to listserv guidelines and search for more volunteer moderators from the board.
 - Bill Brown will help and Mimi will ask the community
- There has been a listserv member who has been irritating members, while, perhaps technically not violating the guidelines.
- Mimi added the following paragraph:
 - Please refrain from posting incendiary, mean-spirited comments and from using charged or loaded language without supporting explanation. Do not use slogans or invoke tropes with negative connotations, even if commonly used elsewhere. Instead, take the time to find language that is neutral and free of subjective judgements. Do not replay in-kind to baiting, rude, or sarcastic comments from other posters.
 - The board approved the changes.

New Business ~

- Guest speakers for upcoming meetings?
 - Walltown issues? The new mayor?
 - Maybe someone for the annual meeting in January to help bring in members
- Nominations for next year's board members
 - Waugh Wright, Adam McClellan, Kevin Kearns will be leaving
 - There needs to be a nominating committee, let by the president and ex-president with at least two non-board members
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Adjourned at: 8:43